THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI SHARAD YADAV) : (a) Six drilling rigs were received as gift from the Government of USSR, under a Protocol signed in October, 1987, for construction of tubewells in drought affected States.

(b) Presently, these machines have been deployed in the States of Rajasthan, Gujarat and Madhya Pradesh for construction of tubewells in the drought affected areas.

(c) No specific criteria has been laid down by the Government for deployment of these machines.

Implementation of IInd Area Development Project in Orissa with U.K. assistance

3387. SHRI KAHNU CHARAN LENKA : Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state :

(a) whether Orissa Government has submitted a proposal to the Central Government for the implementation of the IInd Area Development Project with assistance from the U.K.;

(b) if so, the number of districts to be covered by the Project and the cost of the project; and

(c) what action has been taken by Central Government in the matter ?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI SHARAD YADAV) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Insurance of Cargoes meant for U.S.A. with the Export Credit Guarantee Corporation

3388. SHRI S. MADHAVAN : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that due to rise in the incidence of bankruptcy among US companies Indian exporters are facing difficulties in getting their payments;

(b) whether it is a fact that only 13% of the cargoes exported to the United States were insured with the Export Credit Guarantee Corporation in 1989; and

(c) if so, what steps are being taken to impress upon the Indian exporters to get their consignments insured ?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND TOURISM (SHRI ARUN KUMAR NEHRU) : (a) While there is rise in the incidence of bankrupting of US Companies, this has not had any appreciable impact on Indian Exporters.

(b) In the year 1988-89, 14.35% of the cargoes exported to the USA were insured with Export Credit Guarantee Corporation.

(c) The following steps have been taken :—

(1) In order to caution Indian exporters, advertisements have been issued in various newspapers and magazines.

(2) Seminars and workshops are organised for the benefit of exporters.

(3) Need for export credit insurance as a protection against increasing incidence of bankruptcies is emphasised in various fora.

Demand for removal of Ceiling on Export of Cotton Yarn by Textile Spinning Industry in South

3389. SHRI S. MADHAVAN : Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state :

(a) whether the textile spinning industry in South has demanded removal of the ceiling on export of cotton yarn;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the action taken in the matter; and

(c) whether Government propose to encourage export of value added yarn instead of exporting cotton ?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI SHARAD YADAV) : (a) to (c) There have been representations from various sectors for increasing